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Senate Bill No. 367

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The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. COLAPIETRO of the 31st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

An Act Concerning Sheet Metal Workers And New Home Construction.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (5) of section 20-330 of the general statutes, as
2 amended by section 1 of public act 99-253, is repealed and the
3 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

4 (5) "Heating, piping and cooling work" means (A) the installation,
5 repair, replacement, maintenance or alteration of any apparatus for
6 piping, appliances, devices or accessories for heating systems,
7 [excluding] including sheet metal work, [;] and (B) the installation,
8 repair, replacement, maintenance or alteration of air conditioning and
9 refrigeration systems, boilers, including apparatus and piping for the
10 generation or conveyance of steam and associated pumping
11 equipment. [, but] Heating, piping and cooling work does not include
12 solar work.

13 Sec. 2. (NEW) Sections 1 to 9, inclusive, of public act 99-246 do not
14 apply to any person holding a professional or occupational license,
15 registration or certificate issued pursuant to the general statutes,
16 provided such person engages only in that work for which such
17 person is licensed.

18 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage.

GL Committee Vote: Yea 14 Nay 0 JF

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: Potential Minimal Future Revenue Loss

Affected Agencies: Department of Consumer Protection

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

State Impact:

The bill exempts anyone holding a professional or occupational license, registration or certificate from the requirement that they obtain a new home construction license if the individual is going to work within the scope of his current license at a new home construction site. To the extent an individual is currently licensed for another occupation, and will not seek a new home construction license, a minimal, future potential revenue loss may result. However, in practice few, if any, individuals currently licensed for another occupation have sought a new home construction license, thus there is no current fiscal impact.

The bill exempts anyone holding a professional or occupational license for heating, piping, and cooling work from obtaining a license for sheet metal if the individual is going to engage in certain sheet metal related work within the scope of their current license. To the extent an individual is currently licensed for heating, piping and cooling work and will not seek a sheet metal license, a minimal future

potential revenue loss may result. However, in practice few, if any, individuals currently licensed for heating, piping and cooling work have sought a sheet metal license, thus there is no current fiscal impact.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING SHEET METAL WORKERS AND NEW HOME CONSTRUCTION.**SUMMARY:**

This bill:

1. exempts anyone holding a state professional or occupational license, registration, or certificate from the new home construction contractor law if they are working within the scope of their license (see COMMENT) and
2. redefines “heating, piping and cooling work” for purposes of the occupational licensing law to include, rather than exclude, sheet metal work.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***New Home Construction Contractors***

PA 99-246 requires new home construction contractors to register with the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP), make certain disclosures, and include their registration numbers in all advertisements. The act applies to anyone who contracts with a consumer to build a new home, or a portion of one, before it is occupied. A “new home” is a newly built single family dwelling; any dwelling of up to two units; or a unit, common element, or limited common element of a condominium or common interest community.

SHEET METAL WORK

PA 99-253 requires sheet metal contractors and journeymen to be

licensed by DCP, which issues licenses when authorized by a renamed and expanded licensing board for heating and cooling workers.

Related Bill

HB 5590 includes a similar exemption from the new home construction contractor law.

COMMENT**New Home Contractor Exemption**

The sentence exempting certain professionals and tradesmen from the new home contractor law is unclear. It may apply to anyone holding a state-issued license, registration, or certificate working within the scope of his credential or it may exempt only professionals and tradesmen holding a license.

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 14 Nay 0